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1 October 1956

Dear GHI Policyholder,

As outlined in Personnel Notice No. [] dated 11 September 1956, the contract between the Government Employees Health Association, Inc. and Group Hospitalization, Inc. (GHI) will be cancelled as of midnight, 31 December 1956.

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As a substitute, the Mutual of Omaha Hospitalization and Surgical Benefits Plan will be made available to those people presently having GHI, who are desirous of having similar uninterrupted coverage. Applicants wishing to make this change-over should, whenever possible, make application at the Cashiers Office in Room 144 Curie Hall any day between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. This change-over must be made during the period 1 October 1956 through 31 December 1956. Personnel are available in the Benefits and Casualty Division, Office of Personnel, for further counseling in connection with this change.

The Mutual of Omaha contract will provide for continued coverage for employees without any waiting period for any reason, including maternity. The recently reduced premium rate is now \$7.40 per month for family plan and \$2.70 per month for single plan, including hospitalization and surgical benefits. (For details of this plan, see booklet "Your Health and Life Insurance Program" which was recently distributed.)

Those people changing over who are paid from vouchered funds will be required to pay two months' premium at the time of filing their application for Mutual of

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Omaha coverage. Advance payments for GHI coverage already made beyond 31 December 1956 will be refunded as soon as possible after the first of the year. If he desires, an individual who has paid his GHI premiums through December 1956, may obtain Mutual coverage effective 1 January 1957.

Those employees whose premiums are paid by payroll deduction from unvouchered funds will automatically be converted to the Mutual of Omaha contract with the accompanying necessary payroll adjustments being made. Field employees will be notified of the action taken and will be afforded the opportunity of notifying Headquarters of their desire to cancel the Mutual of Omaha contract on or before 31 January 1957, at which time payroll deductions will be terminated and a refund made if requested.

GHI has stated it will not permit policyholders to transfer their account to GHI and be billed directly.

Persons hospitalized or undergoing surgery after 31 December 1956 will not be reimbursed under the GHI contract. However, since the Mutual of Omaha contract, as previously mentioned is waiving all waiting periods, uninterrupted coverage may be obtained by making application.

X Special arrangements have also been made to cover employees separating from the Agency in order to protect them for a suitable number of months under this Mutual of Omaha contract to afford them ample time to rejoin another group, either in private industry or another Government Agency.

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This arrangement will also afford such employee ample time and opportunity to procure Blue Cross-Blue Shield or other hospitalization and surgical insurance on an individual basis should such employee desire to employ this method rather than converting to the standard Mutual of Omaha plan.

Attached hereto for your information is a group of 19 important stateside benefits and 1 overseas benefit accruing to you under the Mutual of Omaha master contract which have not been available to you under your present GHI contract.

An identification card is issued for each Mutual of Omaha policyholder. This is forwarded to the Administrative Officer of your component. If security permits, you may carry this card and use it only in emergency cases. If, however, you have advance notice that hospitalization will be required for you or your dependents, this office will issue to the hospital an admittance form which states what payments are covered by insurance. The hospital will bill GEHA, Inc. directly.

The information contained herein is applicable ONLY to those instances where employees now have GHI. New applications for Mutual of Omaha hospitalization, from persons not presently having GHI, must be submitted during the drive period, 1 October 1956 - 31 October 1956.


Chief, Benefits and Casualty Division
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1. 90 days continuous hospital coverage.
2. \$202.50 unallocated hospital extras, plus 75% of hospital extras above this amount up to a limit of \$5,000.
3. Up to \$13.50 room and board whether you choose either a private or semi-private room.
4. Full 90 days coverage for tuberculosis, mental disorders, nervous disorder and quarantinable diseases rather than a 10 day limit during any 12 month period.
5. Pays up to a limit of \$25.00 for ambulance expense.
6. Pays all X-ray costs, either exploratory or otherwise if made in a hospital or authorized clinic.
7. Grants full coverage for congenital abnormalities at any age after the 14th day following birth.
8. Covers all pre-existing conditions without exception.
9. All types of laboratory tests are covered under hospital extras.
10. Grants full 90 day coverage for tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy thereby covering possible complications.
11. Covers up to full 90 day period for complete diagnosis thereby covering possible complications.
12. Covers any service connected disability in any but Government hospitals.
13. Physical and mental therapy covered if administered in a hospital.
14. New born children automatically covered without specification.
15. Premium is based on our own annual experience thereby contributing toward possible premium reductions as well as contract liberalization.

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16. Plastic surgery covered regardless of when injury was received - excepting cosmetic surgery.
17. Dental surgery necessitated by accident is covered if patient is hospitalized and may be performed by a dentist, dental surgeon or an M. D.
18. Successive 90 day periods of hospitalization coverage are permissible for the same or related accidents or illnesses, provided there has been a full one day return to work break.
19. Up to \$202.50 out patient emergency treatment for injuries requiring medical or surgical attention within 24 hours of accident.
20. Up to \$13.50 per day for hospital room and board overseas.

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